

The ~~invention~~technology described herein is particularly applicable to removing an initial period of silence from the initial speech burst provided by the initiating party of the push to talk session. This has the effect of reducing the delay between the generation of the speech burst by the initiating subscriber and the playing of the speech burst to the or each other participant.

Page 3, amend the paragraph beginning at line 27 as follows:

Certain example embodiments ~~of the invention~~ may comprises monitoring the audio level and commencing recording of the speech only when that level exceeds some predefined threshold. This step may be carried out at the terminal of the imitating party or at a server node within the communication network. In other embodiments of the invention, an initial period expected to contain silence is predefined, and the start of the speech data is clipped to remove the predefined period. The predefined period may be fixed, or may be adaptive based upon talk/usage patterns of the user.

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Page 4, amend the paragraph beginning at line ⁵~~6~~ as follows:

According to a second aspect ~~of the present invention~~ there is provided a server node for use in a communication network offering a push to talk service to subscribers, the node comprising:

Page 4, amend the paragraph beginning at line ¹⁹~~21~~ as follows:

According to a third aspect ~~of the present invention~~ there is provided a mobile terminal for use in a communication network offering a push to talk service to subscribers, the terminal comprising:

Page 5, amend the heading above line 10 as follows: